THE MINISTER TO STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) Under TRYSEM scheme, support is given to individuals and not to families, to provide technical and entrepreneurial skills to rural youth from families below poverty line. During the last three years, the number of rural youth trained is as per below:

Year	No. of rural youth trained
1992-93	2,75,993
1993-94	3,03,821
1994-95 (Provisional	2,62,668

(b) Once an exhaustive list of potential beneficiaries is available from Gram Sabha, a Committee presided over by the BDO and including members from training institutions of the area, banks, KVIs, Panchayati Raj Institutions, and any other which it may wish to co-opt will finalise selection on the basis of following criteria:—

(i) an attempt should be made to select the members of the poorest families first;

(ii) at least 40 per cent of the candidates should be women;

(iii) at least 50 per cent of the candidates be members of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(iv) at least 3 percent of the benefits be earmarked for physically handicapped persons; and

(v) Preference should be given to persons who have been made literate under the National Literacy Mission.

There are no educational qualifications prescribed for selection of trainees.

Comprehensive Scheme for Development of Non-Forest Wasteland

7385. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be please^ „to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a new comprehensive scheme for the development of non-forest wasteland by involving corporate sector and individual farmers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating stagewise investments and targets, and the time-span thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Wastelands Development in 1994-95 issued guidelines for the Investment Promotional Scheme. The objective of the scheme is to facilitate/attract/channelise/mobilise resources from financial institutions, banks, corporate bodies including user industries and other entrepreneurs for development of wastelands in non-forest areas belonging to Central and State Government, panchayats, village communities, private farmers, etc.

Under the scheme, promotional subsidy/grant is provided subject to a maximum of Rs. 25.00 lakhs or 25% of the total cost of the project as approved and firmed up by the financial institutions/banks, whichever is less. Besides, project formulation assistance for preparation of bankable/viable projects at the rate of 1% of project cost is admissible to generate projects.

Projects promoted by Central and State Government undertakings, cooperative institutions, public trust and societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, Corporate Bodies registered under the Companies Act and

individual entrepreneurs/farmers would be eligible for the promotional grant/ subsidy under the scheme.

The Scheme is location specific and project oriented, subject to techno-economic feasibility and costs as firmed up by financial institutions/banks and linked with promoters contribution. Moreover, the type of plantations/ activities vary with reference to site and agroclimatic conditions. The project is to be implemented in period ranging from 2.5 years and, therefore, no stage-wise investments and targets and time span can be fixed under this Scheme,

Step* to control misuse of JRY Funds

7386. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: WU1 the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to control misuse of JRY funds;

(b) what changes are proposed in the present guidelines issued to State Governments to properly enforce implementation of JRY;

(c) whether State Governments have made any suggestions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is being implemented by the District Rural Development Agencies DRDAs/Zilla Parishads (ZPs) at the district level and by the Village Panchayats at the village level. The system of checks and balanes is built into the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) Guidelines so that JRY funds are properly utilised. The JRY resources released to the Gram Panchayats are to be kept in an exclusive and separate savings banks or post-office account which can be operated jointly by the Sarpanch and another persons nominated by Panchayat. Every drawal from the bank is required to be authorised in the meeting of the Gram Panchayat. The accounts of the DRDAs/ZPs/Gram Panchayats (GPs) are also subject to regular audit. Meetings of the Gram Panchayats are to be held every month on a fixed date and time, in which every member of village community can raise any issue regarding implementation of JRY. Instructions have been issued to the Gram Panchayats to appoint a Vigilance Committee for each village under its jurisdiction to oversee, supervise and monitor the implementation of works under the Yojana.

On the basis of the feedback received from the State Governments, the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment have also introduced a system of Area Officers during the years 1993 with a view to effectively monitor the various programmes of Rural .Development including JRY. Under this scheme, senior officers at the level of Deputy Secretary and above have been allocated one or two State(s) each. They are required to visit the State(s) alloted to them and give a report on the implementation of rural development programmes including JRY, To give greater attention to the States with higher proportion of rural poor and unemployed, the Area Officers, Scheme has further been strengthened w.e.f. 1.1.1994, by including Officers from the Department of Programme Implementation, Department of Wastelands Development and the Planning Commission also in the various teams of Area Officers. The Government of India has also undertaken concurrent evaluation of JRY through independent institutions/organisations to assess its impact in the rural areas in relation to the specific objectives of the programme.

Family Credit Plan

7387. SHRI V. HANUMATHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the assessment of the Family Credit Plan'